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St. Luke's
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*Being the Change
Yesterday, Today, & Tomorrow*



December 2, 2018

First Sunday of Advent

**8:30 & 10:45 a.m. Worship Services
with Communion**

St. Luke's — Celebrating 185 Years
1833-2018



**St. Luke's United Methodist Church Vision
Welcoming ALL ...
Caring ... Serving ... Growing**

If you have a prayer request, please fill out a prayer card and hand it to an usher.

* Asterisk denotes the invitation to stand if able. **Bold text to be read by the people.**

Preparing Our Hearts for Worship

<i>Journey</i>	“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” (<i>verses 1-2</i>)	UMH 206
<i>Into</i>	“Wake, Awake” (<i>verses 1-2</i>)	UMH 720
<i>Advent</i>	“Toda La Tierra” (<i>verses 1-2</i>)	UMH 210

8:30 Introit “Prepare the Way” by Brad Croushom
St. Luke’s Singers Family Choir; Keith Rippe, director

Prelude “Judah’s Land” Appalachian Carol, alt.
Sylvia Ward, organ arr. David n. Johnson

10:45 Prelude “Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying” J.S. Bach
Dr. Charles Barland, organ

Lighting of the Candles: *Bringing the Light of Christ Into Our Worship*
Welcome/Announcements/Greetings/Introductions

Called to Worship

Advent Candle Lighting

Hymn Verse “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” (sing verse 1, no chorus) UMH 211

We wait with hope.

One candle shines in a world where all that glitters is not holy. We hear the promise of Jeremiah:

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: “The Lord is our righteousness.” — Jeremiah 33: 14-16

O EMMANUEL, our King and Lawgiver, the Expected of the nations and their Savior:
Come and save us, O Lord, our God.

Hymn Chorus “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” (sing chorus only) UMH 211

Called to Community

“Where Children Belong” TFWS 2233
Children’s Time Rachel Potter
“Jesus Loves Me” (chorus only) UMH 191

8:30 Anthem “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence” arr. Joel Raney
St. Luke’s Singers Family Choir; Keith Rippe, director

10:45 Anthem “In Thee Is Gladness” (*In dir ist Freude*) by Giovanni G. Gastoldi
Chancel Choir; Than Chesher, director setting by James Melby
adapted by Scott M. Hyslop

Called to Prayer

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Called to Reflection

Gospel Reading: Luke 21: 25-36
And all God’s people said: **Thanks be to God!**

Message “Stand!” Pastor Chuck

Called to Communion

Invitation

Advent is a time of physical darkness in which we proclaim that the true light of God still shines. Therefore, let us come before God with humble trust, and confess our need and our sin:

Confession

Holy and awesome God, we stand in your presence filled with regret for our many sins and failings. Though there is greatness in us, and a deep longing for goodness, we have often denied our better selves, and refused to hear your voice calling us to rise to the full height of our humanity. For there is weakness in us, as well as strength. At times we choose to walk in darkness, our vision obscured. We do not care to look within, and we are unwilling to look beyond at those who need our help. O God, we are too weak to walk unaided. Be with us as a strong and wise friend, and teach us to walk by the light of your truth.

All pray in silence

The Lord is merciful and gracious, endlessly patient, loving, and true, showing mercy to thousands, forgiving iniquity, transgression, and sin, and granting pardon. Amen.
(Jewish Prayer for Forgiveness. U.S.A., 20th Cent.)

As a forgiven and reconciled people, let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.

Called to Share

Sharing our Gifts, our Tithes, our Lives

8:30 Offertory “Come, Messiah King” by Randy Vader
Sylvia Ward, piano arr. Jay Rouse

10:45 Offertory “People, Look East” setting by William Ringham
Dr. Charles Barland, organ

* Doxology “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” UMH 94

Prayer of Dedication

Called to Thanksgiving

Taking the Bread and Cup

The Great Thanksgiving Musical Setting: TFWS 2257 (a, b, c, d)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The pastor gives thanks appropriate to the occasion, remembering God’s acts of salvation, and concludes:

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

The pastor continues the thanksgiving. The institution of the Lord’s Supper is recalled. The pastor concludes:

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ’s offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

The pastor invokes the present work of the Holy Spirit and then praises the Trinity, concluding: All honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking the Bread

Giving the Bread and Cup

(Communion hymns to be sung as people come to receive communion)

* Communion Hymn "People Look East" (*verses 1-2*) UMH 202

Sent to Serve

Carrying the Light of Christ to the World

* Prayer Following the Meal

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery
in which you have given yourself to us.
Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit,
to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

* Hymn "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" (*verse 3 only*) UMH 206

*** Benediction**

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8:30 * Music from the Tower Chime (*please remain standing*)

Postlude	"Blessed Be the God of Israel" Sylvia Ward, organ	Merle's Tune words by Michael Perry Music by Hal H. Hopson
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10:45 Postlude and Music from the Tower Chime (*please be seated*)

Postlude	"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" Dr. Charles Barland, organ	setting by Marilyn Biery
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***Note:** Please feel free to use language in worship that
is inclusive and affirms a diverse imagery for God.*

St. Luke's United Methodist Church

Upcoming Events for December 2 - 9

Sunday, December 2 — First Sunday of Advent

8:20 am	Hymn Sing in the Sanctuary
8:30 am	Sunday Worship Service with Communion in the Sanctuary
9:30 am	Sunday School (<i>see flyers in the hall for classes and locations</i>)
9:30 am	Making “Thinking of You” Greetings for the Homebound — FH
9:30-10:45 am	Everyone welcome for coffee in the South Hall
10:35 am	Hymn Sing in the Sanctuary
10:45 am	Sunday Worship Service with Communion in the Sanctuary
Noon	Advent Celebration in the Fellowship Hall

Monday, December 3

1:00 pm	Busy Bees at Bethany Home (1005 Lincoln Ave.)
4:00 pm	Dubuque for Refugee Children in the Wesley Room

Tuesday, December 4

9:30 am	Cookie Exchange in the Kitchen & Fellowship Hall
4:00 pm	JustUs Meeting in the Wesley Room
5:30 pm	Invitation & Welcome Meeting in the Conference Room

Wednesday, December 5

5:00 pm	Wonderful Wednesday meal, activities, and rehearsals
6:30 pm	Trustees Meeting in the Conference Room

Thursday, December 6

10:00 am	Bible Study in the Conference Room
6:30 pm	Children & Youth Team Meeting in the Conference Room
7:00 pm	UMW Advent Celebration & Appetizers in the Parlor

Friday, December 7

7:00 am	Men's Worship in the Sanctuary
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Saturday, December 8

6:30 am	Bread Run — Mike & Cheri Loveless
5:30 pm	Food for the Soul in the Fellowship Hall — Team 10
6:00 pm	Saturday Night Praise in the Wesley Room

Next Sunday, December 9 — Second Sunday of Advent

8:20 am	Hymn Sing in the Sanctuary
8:30 am	Sunday Worship Service in the Sanctuary
9:30 am	Sunday School (<i>see flyers in the hall for classes and locations</i>)
9:30-10:45 am	Everyone welcome for coffee in the South Hall
10:35 am	Hymn Sing in the Sanctuary
10:45 am	Sunday Worship Service in the Sanctuary with JuBELLation Ringers and Children's Christmas program

Prayers For This Week's Joys and Concerns

Those in Uniform & Their Families
Our Homebound & Those At Care Centers
Susan Walgamuth - total knee surgery

Prayer requests email: dbqstluke@gmail.com
Prayer listings are listed for two weeks here.
More prayer listings are in the Chimes.

Upcoming Worship Services

- Dec 9 Second Sunday of Advent**
8:20 a.m. Worship Service
10:35 a.m. Worship Service with
JuBELLation Ringers
Children's Christmas Program
- Dec 16 Third Sunday of Advent**
8:20 a.m. Worship Service
with Christmas Cantata
10:35 a.m. Worship Service
- Dec 23 Fourth Sunday of Advent**
8:20 & 10:35 a.m. Worship Services
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- Dec 24 Christmas Eve Worship Services**
2:00, 7:00 & 10:45 p.m. Worship
Services with communion, lessons and
carols, candlelight, nursery, and more
- Dec 30 8:30 & 10:45 a.m. Worship Services**
- Saturday Night Praise — Every Saturday**
6:00 p.m. Praise Service in the Wesley Room

Order Poinsettias **Deadline: TODAY**

On December 16th, we'll fill the front of the sanctuary with poinsettias in honor of or in memory of our loved ones. The poinsettias will be red flowers with gold foil and white bows. Poinsettias can be purchased for **\$16 each**. To order your poinsettias, **sign up on the sheet in the South Hall**. The deadline for ordering is **Sunday December 2nd**. Poinsettias will be purchased from our neighbor, White's Florist.



Terrific Tuesday Cookie Exchange December 4th at 9:30 a.m. in the Kitchen



Everyone who is interested is invited to join the Terrific Tuesday group for their annual cookie exchange on December 4 at 9:30 in the church kitchen. Please bring 4 dozen of the same kind of cookie to trade. Remember to bring an extra container to put your new cookies into. You'll go home with a yummy variety of Christmas treats and have a jump on your holiday baking. Please join us! Questions? Call Laurinda (557-7341).

St. Luke's Advent Celebration **TODAY, December 2, 2018** **Following 10:45 Worship Service**



Please join us in Fellowship Hall for a Soup Lunch and a Celebration of Advent! Chili and other soups are on the menu along with some very tasty treats.

ALL ARE INVITED! Families, singles, young and the young at heart! We will have activities including a telling of the Advent story, cookie decorating, crafts and more!

Returning this year with a bit of a twist will be "*The Most Interesting and 'Tinselying' Christmas Self Decor*" contest. You are invited to wear your most colorful, out of this world Christmas sweaters, ties, shirts, hats, etc.! "Fabulous" prizes will be awarded!

Request from the SPPRC Committee

We would like to give our paid staff a Christmas gift (Pastor Chuck has asked not to be included), and we need your help! If you would like to donate, please send your donations by **December 15**, or put it in a pew envelope labeled "Staff Christmas" by **December 9th**. *Thank you!*





St. Luke's UMC
United Methodist Women
FAITH · HOPE · LOVE IN ACTION

- ✦ **2018 Pledges to Missions** - may be left at Church Office c/o UMW Treasurer.
- ✦ **December 2 @ 9:30 a.m.** in Fellowship Hall - Gather to write "Thinking of You" Christmas greetings and prepare "Thinking of You Gifts" for December delivery.
- ✦ **December 3 Busy Bees** - 1:00 p.m. at Bethany Home - Lincoln Ave. Christmas dessert, devotions and tying of quilts for Hillcrest residential students. Host: Ruth Clark.
- ✦ **December 6 @ 7:00 p.m.** in St. Luke's parlor - Appetizers prior to Advent Program.

2019 Prayer Partners

Would you like to have or be a prayer partner for 2019? Being a prayer partner gives you the opportunity to be in a supportive community with another member of St. Luke's. Anyone may be a prayer partner. United Methodist Women are equal opportunity pray-ers!



In addition to daily prayer, a card may be sent as a remembrance on a birthday or other special occasion. The identity of prayer partners are usually revealed during December.

Sign-up forms can be found on the table in the back of the sanctuary and can be left in the church office. Questions? Call Marcia Young 580-9650.

Sunday School Schedule

Sundays from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

- Preschool to 1st Grade — Room 202
- 2nd to 5th Grades — Room 204
- Middle School & High School — Room 201
- Nesters (parents) — Wesley Room
- Families & Faith (adults) — Fellowship Hall



Sing... Christmas!

Sunday, December 16th
 8:30 a.m. Worship Service
 St. Luke's UMC



St. Luke's Singers & Friends would like to share through song an uplifting Christmas Cantata celebrating this joy-filled season with "Sing Christmas!" by Joel Raney & Mary McDonald.

You are invited to sing with us!

If you enjoy singing or know of someone who likes to sing, contact Keith Rippe, Director at 599-0528 or kr725@mchsi.com The rehearsal schedule and more information are available in the Chimes newsletter (back table of the sanctuary or in the south hall).

Remember to invite your friends, neighbors, coworkers to enjoy this special Christmas Cantata and share the gift of joy at Christ's birth.

Dubuque Food Pantry annual Christmas Basket Give Away

Donate before December 11th



The Dubuque Food Pantry is planning its annual "Christmas Basket Give Away." How we can help:

1. **Provide 18 hams** - Donate a ham (2 -5 pounds). Sign up in the south hall (red/green ribbon). Please bring hams to church by **Dec. 11th**.
2. **Provide non-perishable items** - Bring non-perishable items to the church grocery cart: coffee/tea, canned fruit, ramen, canned sweet potatoes, cake/brownie mixes, personal care items, baking supplies, toothpaste, soup, boxed potatoes

Wonderful Wednesday Meal

December 5th: Shepherd's Pie

Meals served at **4:50 p.m.**
 \$5 per person, \$15 per family.

Than Chesher

St. Luke's UMC welcomes

Than Chesher, wife, Sarah Emm, and three children: Adeline, Liam and Charlotte (also known as "Chuck"). Than holds music education degrees from Morningside College and the University of Iowa.

Than was privileged to direct ensembles in Iowa and Minnesota working with singers from ages 10 to 90. Prior to teaching, Than was a professional bassist. Now settling in Dubuque, Than is the Director of Choral Activities at Dubuque Senior High School and our new director of the Chancel Choir and Word on the Third.



"Everyone has the gift to sing, and making music is the essence of humanity. There is something amazing and unspeakable that we all experience when singing with others for a cause greater than all of us."
— Than Chesher

Weather-Related Cancellations

St. Luke's will make every effort to notify you of any cancellations due to weather through the following methods listed here:

KRCG TV 9
WDBQ 1490 AM
KDTH 1370 AM

St. Luke's Facebook page

If there are no notifications showing, you may call these people **as a last resort:**

Pastor Chuck 712-420-5963
Dan Jacobsen 319-480-0921
Sue Hattel 563-599-4497
Paul Clark 563-590-0158



Terrific Tuesdays

(9:30 a.m. unless otherwise noted)

Dec 4 9:30 a.m. Cookie Exchange in the FH
Dec 11 Oak Park Place with Betty Phillips
Jan 8 Starbucks at Asbury Hy-Vee
Jan 22 8:30 a.m. Breakfast at Village Inn
10:00 a.m. Sit & Knit in Parlor

Prescott Elementary Partnership

Consider mentoring at Prescott Elementary! Forms and information are in the south hallway.

Also consider donating items for the bright blue bin in the hallway to go to Prescott students. Items needed and more information can be found in the Prescott News column in the Chimes Newsletter (back of sanctuary or table in the south hall).

Listen to the Prescott Holiday Concert on 92.9 KATFM on the following dates:

- December 6 at 11:35 a.m.
- December 9 at 6:35 a.m.
- December 19 at 7:35 p.m.



Recognition & Appreciation of Roxanne Rollefson

On November 18th, the congregation and Worship & Celebration ministry expressed appreciation to Roxanne for her leadership directing the St. Luke's Chancel Choir, coordinating Word on the Third Contemporary Worship, and leading the Praise Team.

Roxanne has now taken on responsibilities at Clarke University in addition to her musical commitments in the area. She will continue as occasional piano/organ substitute at St. Luke's.

We reflect on Roxanne's coordination of the July 31st Messiah Sing-Along held at St. Luke's as a highlight of our 185th anniversary. Worship has been enhanced through the wonderful Chancel Choir anthems. Her husband Dick has been a faithful member of the choir also.

Thank You, Roxanne & Dick Rollefson



Christmas Green Living Tip

Strings of tree lights and bulbs which no longer work can be recycled at Lowe's. A collection bin is just inside near Customer Service.

Christmas lights can also be recycled at **Dubuque Metropolitan Area Solid Waste Agency** (the landfill) along with any other old electronics.

Our Worship Specialists

	<u>December 2, 2018</u> 8:30 a.m.	<u>December 2, 2018</u> 10:45 a.m.
Greeters	Bruce & Sarah Jo Redding	Gary & Kathy Reid
Ushers	Bruce & Sarah Jo Redding	Gary & Kathy Reid
Children's Time	Rachel Potter	Rachel Potter
Offering Collector	Sue Hattel	Kathy McWethy
Advent Readers	Laura Carstens, Margie Breese	Dan & Mary Jacobsen
Liturgist	Nancy Hessler	Mark Tilson
Communion Steward	Sue Hattel	Lori Boughton
Organist/Pianist	Sylvia Ward	Dr. Chuck Barland
Chimer	Ann Duchow	Ann Duchow
Slides	Susan McGovern	Susan McGovern
Projectionist	Denny Brimeyer	Matthew Hull
Videographer	<i>Volunteer Needed!</i>	—
Worship Driver	—	Dan Jacobsen
	Saturday, December 1	Saturday, December 8
Bread Run	Hull family	Mike & Cheri Loveless
Food for the Soul	Team 9	Team 10

Music Directors

St. Luke's Singers — Keith Rippe

Chancel Choir — Than Cheshier

Bell Choir Director — David Patterson

Word on the Third Praise Team — Than Cheshier

Lead Organist: Dr. Charles Barland

Children's Music — Heather Williams

Chimers — R.R.S. Stewart

Wind Ensemble coordinator — Sue Hattel

Pianist/Organist: Sylvia Ward